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SUBJ: CHILEAN REQUEST FOR DETENTION CENTER ADVISOR AND
EQUIPMENT

1. THE ACTING NATIONAL DEFENSE CHIEF, BTEN NICADOR DIAZ I. (AF),
ON BEHALF OF THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE VICE ADMIRAL PATRICIO
CARVAJAL REQUESTED THE DEFENSE ATTACHE AND AIRA TO RELAY THE
FOLLOWING TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

2. THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF CHILE REQUIRES ADVISOR ASSISTANCE
OF A PERSON QUALIFIED IN ESTABLISHING A DETENTION CENTER FOR THE
DETAINEES WHICH THEY ANTICIPATE WILL BE RETAINED OVER A RELATIVELY
LONG PERIOD OF TIME.

3. ADVISOR MUST HAVE KNOWLEDGE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION
OF A DETENTION CENTER. GEN NICADOR DIAZ WAS JOINED IN THIS REQUEST
BY BGEN FRANCISCO HERRERA L. (AF) WHO HAS BEEN ASSIGNED THE TASK
OF DETENTION OFFICER FOR THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT. BOTH STATED
THAT THERE IS NO ONE CAPABLE OF ADVISING IN THIS MATTER IN CHILE
AND THEY WANT TO INSURE THAT DETAINEES ARE GIVEN HUMANE TREATMENT.

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AT PRESENT THERE ARE FIVE DETENTION SITES, TWO IN THE NORTHERN

PROVINCES, ONE IN SANTIAGO (NATIONAL STADIUM), ONE ON ISLAND OF QUIRIQUINA, AND ONE ON DAWSON ISLAND. THEY ARE PRINCIPALLY CONCERNED WITH PERSONNEL NOW IN NATIONAL STADIUM, SANTIAGO, AS THEY REALIZE THEY CANNOT KEEP THEM THERE LONGER THAN 60 DAYS (APPROXIMATELY 16 DAYS OF THAT TIME HAS NOW PAST). FOR THIS REASON THEY WOULD LIKE AN ADVISOR SOONEST TO HELP MAKE A SITE SURVEY. THEY ARE CONSIDERING THE ISLAND OF SANTA MARIA IN VICINITY OF CORONEL, SOUTH OF CONCEPCION. THEIR CURRENT ESTIMATE IS THAT APPROXIMATELY 3000 WILL BE RETAINED FOR AT LEAST A YEAR. ADDITIONALLY THEY REQUESTED THE POSSIBLE LOAN OF INFLATABLE TENTAGE OR OTHER PORTABLE STRUCTURES AND EQUIPMENT FOR TEMPORARY HOUSING UNTIL THE DETAINEES CAN CONSTRUCT THEIR OWN HOUSING AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDINGS.

4. COMMENT: IN CONVERSATION WITH ME SEPT 27 UNHCR REP HASELMAN MENTIONED THAT GOC IN NEED OF BLANKETS FOR DETAINEES. WHILE SENDING OF ADVISOR TO AID IN ESTABLISHMENT OF DETENTION CAMPS PROVIDES OBVIOUSLY POLITICAL PROBLEMS, DEPT. MAY WISH TO CONSIDER FEASIBILITY OF MATERIAL ASSISTANCE IN FORM OF TENTS, BLANKETS, ETC. WHICH NEED NOT BE PUBLICLY AND SPECIFICALLY EARMARKED FOR PRISONERS.

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